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## (54) PEDICLE SCREW ASSEMBLY AND DYNAMIC SPINAL STABILIZATION DEVICES INCORPORATING THE PEDICLE SCREW ASSEMBLY

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## (57) ABSTRACT

A dynamic spinal stabilization device for the treatment of high-grade spinal disorders is disclosed herein. The dynamic spinal stabilization device includes two or more screw assemblies, each of which include a pedicle screw and a head socket containing a curved internal track that limits the range of motion and center of rotation of the spinal segments stabilized using the device to the physiological levels of a nondegraded spinal segment.

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